

REMARKS

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 11 - 17 remain pending.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite in that it is confusing in the last sentence.

Claim 16 has been amended in the last line to recite "said second search input sent by the client". It is believed that claim 16 has now been clarified so that it satisfies all the requirements of 35 USC § 112.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 10 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Singhal U. S. Patent 6,163,782 in view of Subramaniam et al. U. S. Patent 5,859,972. Claims 10 and 18 have now been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 11-17 were not rejected on the prior art but the Examiner indicated they would not be indicated as allowable until after a response to this Action has been reviewed.

As noted above, claim 16 has been amended in a manner in which it is believed satisfies all rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of claim 10 and claims 12 and 13 remain dependent from claim 11. Claims 14 and 15 have also been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of claim 10 and claims 16 and 17 remain dependent from claim 15.

It is therefore believed that claims 11-17 are all now in condition for allowance.

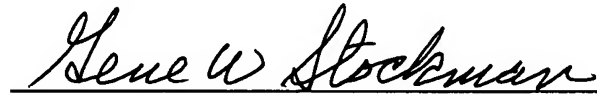
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Mattingly, Stanger, Malur & Brundidge, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (referencing attorney docket no. NIT-163-02).

Respectfully submitted,

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